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First Ward

Mrs. J. A. Leonard, who has been suffering with a severe cold for several weeks is a little improved.

Miss Tacie Moore left this afternoon for Mannington, to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. Rose Carter has returned from a several days' visit with friends at Mt. Harmony.

Dr. A. B. Bush and family moved today from the Chesney property on Market street to Weston, where they will reside in the future.

Mrs. D. S. Boggs is ill at her home on Market street.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Waldo, of Fifth street, spent yesterday in the First ward calling upon friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Irons, have moved from property on Wilson street, into the flat over Carpenter and Irons' grocery on Water street.

Mr. and Mrs. David F. Clayton, of Riverview, have returned to their home after a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hawkins.

Mr. Earle Harder, of East Liverpool, Ohio, formerly a resident of Smithtown, is expected home to-morrow to spend the holidays with his relatives.

Mr. J. M. Prickett and son Mr. C. J. Prickett, were business visitors in Grafton to-day.

Miss Louise Sutter left this afternoon for her home in Mannington to spend a two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. O. B. Leveille, who has been suffering with a very severe attack of laryngitis, is now convalescent.

City Hospital.

Mrs. Jacob Hudgins, whose life was despaired of when she was admitted, was much better yesterday.

Rose Oliverio, of Kingmont, was admitted for surgical treatment yesterday.

Tony Frells, of Enterprise, was a typhoid fever patient dismissed yesterday.

Mrs. James Gwinn, of Newburg, a surgical patient, was dismissed yesterday.

Entertainment.
The entertainment which was given last evening by the primary department of the M. E. church, under the leadership of Mrs. Morgan Leveille, was attended by a small crowd on account of the bad weather. The programme was excellent and all those who took part did so in a very pleasing manner. It is regrettable that the inclement weather detained more from attending. The proceeds are for the benefit of the primary department.

Death of Mr. Courtney.
Mr. Melvin Courtney, formerly lived in the State property on Marchant

street for several years, died very suddenly Wednesday with heart failure at his home in Webster county. He is very well known here and has many friends who will regret his loss. He is survived by a wife and two children.

WEST VIRGINIANS AT THE LOCAL HOTELS.

TAVERN—John A. Showalter, Monongah; Homer Yates, Lloyd Canning, Grafton; H. L. Hammond, West Union; J. W. Thornhill, J. C. Broomall, Ballington; F. E. Love, Charles Blaney, Harry O. Ott, John Plum, E. C. Blaney, Wheeling; H. E. Reeder, Clarksburg; C. S. Armstrong, Grafton; F. E. Atcheson, R. C. Lislser, Mrs. Lislser, Morgantown; J. E. Harris, Parkersburg.

MARIETTA—W. M. Hess, Mannington; Joe T. Cox, Weston; T. A. Diveny, Grafton; Mrs. G. E. Martin, Mrs. Catherine Cunningham, Wyatt; Ingle Malone, W. S. Tothman, Beechwood; S. Bradley, E. C. Blaney, Wheeling; I. I. Johnson, A. W. Filmich, Salem; N. C. Hall, Mineral; Harry Y. Young, Buckhannon; Clyde Dawson, Shinnston; C. F. Hamilton, Amos.

WATSON—A. S. Morris, Wheeling; L. E. Hawkins and wife, Shinnston; I. J. Smith, Blanche Smith, West Union; Frank S. Bowman, Morgantown.

JACKSON—F. M. Efav, Mannington; F. A. Dawson, Lumberport; A. W. Hays, T. B. Shore, Botetown.

MANLEY—J. H. Stephenson, Clarksburg.

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COMMITTEE STILL AT WORK

MEN WHO ARE REVISING SCHOOL LAWS STILL IN SESSION AT CLARKSBURG.

CLARKSBURG, Dec. 21.—The committee appointed by Governor Dawson to revise the school laws of the State is still in session. The committee finds that it has considerable work ahead of it, as there are so many defects in the law that it will require considerable time to complete the work outlined. However, the committee has entered into the work with a determination to make such suggestions to the governor that he will find the report very beneficial regarding the free school system. The committee is composed of State Superintendent Thomas C. Miller, J. R. Trotter, of Buckhannon, R. W. Burns, of Marlinton, Senator C. E. Carrigan, of Benwood, B. L. Butcher, of Fairmont, B. S. Morgan, of Charleston, and Mayor Harmer. The object in appointing this committee is to secure better school laws for the State, and as every member has had considerable experience in school work the governor appointed them well knowing that they were conversant enough with the work outlined to prepare such suggestions as would be beneficial to him in his message to the legislature.

There are so many different topics to be touched upon by the committee. The question of teachers' salaries, the length of school terms, county superintendents' salaries, the book law, etc. All of these things are being discussed by the committee and will be embodied in the report made to the governor. The committee hopes to be able to complete the work in a few days and send reports to Charleston.

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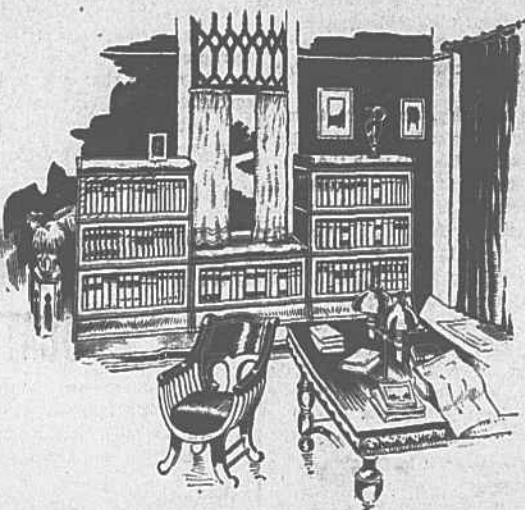


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hide a secret marriage, around which the author of the piece has woven what is said to be a most amazing and at the same time a most amusing series of complications and comedy situations. Manager Joseph M. Gaites has surrounded Miss Tanguay with a clever company and given the play an adequate production. Eva Tanguay has the reputation of being a woman hard to please in the selection of a play for her. She went over a great many manuscripts casting aside many good plays, until she finally struck what she wanted, which has since turned out to be a Tanguay triumph.

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